

University of Dayton
eCommons

Senate Documents

Academic Senate

2-18-1997

DOC 1997-03 Transcribing of GPAs

University of Dayton. Academic Policies Committee

Follow this and additional works at: https://ecommons.udayton.edu/senate_docs

Recommended Citation

University of Dayton. Academic Policies Committee, "DOC 1997-03 Transcribing of GPAs" (1997). *Senate Documents*. 107.

https://ecommons.udayton.edu/senate_docs/107

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Academic Senate at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Senate Documents by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact frice1@udayton.edu, mschlangen1@udayton.edu.

PROPOSAL TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

TITLE: Transcripting of GPA's

SUBMITTED BY: Academic Policies Committee

DATE: February 18, 1997

APPROVED BY: Academic Senate

ACTION IS: Legislative

REFERENCE IS: Faculty Handbook, pp. 47-48

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

The Academic Policies Committee make the following recommendation:

1. That two GPA's defined as the Cumulative GPA and Cumulative Academic Unit GPA be placed on the transcript. The approved definitions are:

Cumulative GPA: "The cumulative GPA includes all courses completed at the University of Dayton with consideration of policies governing the retaking of courses."

Cumulative Academic Unit GPA: "The Cumulative Academic Unit GPA includes only those courses completed at the University of Dayton and required for the specific degree obtained and/or approved for inclusion by the student's school or college."

OCA has informed us that historic recording would not be possible for the Cumulative Academic GPA. Therefore, while the transcript will display the Cumulative GPA that was achieved at the end of each term, only one Cumulative Academic GPA will be shown. The Cumulative Academic GPA will be the one achieved at the time the transcript was requested.

2. That this project be coordinated by Tom Westerndorf of the Registrar's office.
3. That this system be implemented no later than the second summer term, 1997.

To: Fred Pestello
Vice President, Academic Senate

02/11/97

From: Tom Rueth
Chair, Academic Policies Committee

Re: The calculation of G.P.A.

During the Winter term 1996, the Academic Policies Committee recommended to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate that student transcripts include both the Cumulative Academic Unit GPA and Cumulative GPA. In the April 18, 1996 minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate it was stated: The Executive Committee agreed that, if both GPA's are to appear, then the transcripts should also include a clear and concise explanation. APCAS will draft such a statement, as it continues its work on the issue, and will consult those involved with implementing any new policy (e.g., the Registrar and OCA). APCAS will also consider transcripts from other schools and propose an effective date for any changes that are to be implemented. Dean Morman noted that ARSIC has considered different transcript models in the past and might be of help to APCAS on this matter.

In response to the request of the Executive Committee I met with Ricky Huff from the Deans Office, College of Arts and Sciences who initially proposed these changes. We requested a meeting to be held on the issue and on August 14th a meeting was held in the office of Dan Palmert, Registrar. The meeting was attended by members of Mr. Palmert's staff including Tom Westendorf, members of OCA, Ricky Huff and myself. At that meeting two definitions were suggested and four main issues were discussed.

1. The group from O.C.A. stated that both GPA's could be printed on the transcripts but certain difficulties would be encountered:
 - A. Some individuals and groups who are not in the computer program called Academic Audit would not be able to have an Academic Unit GPA calculated.
 - B. It would be difficult to calculate the Academic Unit GPA for students pursuing two degree simultaneously.
 - C. Graduated students for whom an Academic Unit GPA had been calculated and who returned to take a second degree would have to be taken out of the Academic Audit in order to preserve the original format of their transcripts. If they were not, their original GPA at graduation would not be preserved but would be altered by the addition of the courses taken for the second degree. Removal from the Academic Audit would prevent an Academic Unit GPA from being calculated for the second degree.

2. It would take OCA some time to reconfigure the program in order to calculate two GPA's. The impression was not that the process itself was so time- consuming but that there were other pressing matters that were considered urgent.
3. An effort would be made by the Registrar's office to obtain transcripts for other Universities who were also reporting more than one GPA.

After the meeting, I was informed that Tom Westendorf at the Registrar's office had received transcripts from the other schools and that he would be the liaison implementing this project should the Academic Senate request it. Tom Westendorf sent me a copy of a transcript from the University of Cincinnati. This transcript shows only the GPA for a particular term for the first two sessions of a year, but during the last term of a given school year, three GPA's are presented. These are: the GPA for that term, the Cumulative GPA identified as University, and the one for the Academic Unit GPA identified as College.

During the fall term 1996 the above information was presented to the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. The definitions were discussed and sent to Tom Westendorf who presented it to ARSIC. ARSIC developed a modified set of definitions which have been reviewed by the Deans office of the College and schools of Education, Business, and Engineering and approved as appropriate.

On the basis of this information, the recommendations to the ECAS are:

1. That two GPA's defined as the Cumulative GPA and the Cumulative Academic Unit GPA be placed on the transcript. The approved definitions are :

Cumulative GPA: "The cumulative GPA includes all courses completed at the University of Dayton with consideration of policies governing the retaking of courses."

Cumulative Academic Unit GPA: "The Cumulative Academic Unit GPA includes only those courses completed at the University of Dayton and required for the specific degree obtained and /or approved for inclusion by the student's school or college."

OCA has informed us that historic recording would not be possible for the Cumulative Academic GPA. Therefore, while the transcript will display the Cumulative GPA that was achieved at the end of each term, only one Cumulative Academic GPA will be shown. The Cumulative Academic GPA will be the one achieved at the time the transcript was requested.

2. That this project be coordinated by Tom Westendorf of the Registrar's office.
3. That this system be implemented no later than the second summer term, 1997.